(SRI H. C. BORAIAH)

Sl. No.	Name of the Municipality of V. P. C. or T. P. C.	Name of the Taluks.	Amount of Transport subsidy paid.	
			1962-63.	1963-64.
1	V. P. C. Holeslur.	Ron.	156	256
	T. P. C. Ron.		44	120
	T. P. C. Naregal.			140
	T. P. C. Gajendragad.			100
2	Ranebennur Municipality.	Ranebennur.	64	—
3	V. P. C. F. Badni.		23	
	V. P. C. Kundralli.	Shirhatti.	60	
	V. P. C. Battur.		16	
	V. P. C. Yelawatti.		91	
4	Gadag Municipality.	Gadag.	2348	1378
5	Hubli Corporation.		1100	1380
	T. P. C. Gudgeri.	Kundgol.	470	160
	Municipality Kundgol.		100	100
6	Municipality Dharwar.	Dharwar.	2340	2764
7	Hubli Corporation.	Hubli.	12860	12400
8	V. P. C. Shiggoan.	Shiggoan.	312	—
9	Southern Railway Hubli Yard.	Navalgund.	—	200
		Total :	19984	18998

(*d*) The transport subsidy is distributed with a view to encourage the farmers to use of the town compost which is available in large quantities for increasing production of crops.

Damage to Laxmi variety cotton crop.

*Q.—623. Sri C. S. HULKOTI (Mundargi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Laxmi variety cotton crop in the District of Dharwar has been damaged to a large extent for the last 3 to 4 years and the quantum of yield per acre diminishing every year since 3 to 4 years ;

(*b*) whether they are also aware that the quality of Laxmi variety of cotton is deteriorating each year ;

(c) whether the said variety of cotton has become very much susceptible to atmosphere and weather conditions and also to many diseases of various sorts ;

(d) whether they are aware that the ryots who have sown that variety have suffered to a great extent ;

(e) whether they are aware that the steps taken by them by way of starting research stations, etc., so far have not been fruitful and helpful for more yield and improvement of quality ;

(f) what steps the Government has taken or propose to take to substitute that variety or improve the quality of seed at an early date ?

A.—Sri H. C. BORAIAH (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) To some extent, the Laxmi variety Cotton crop in Dharwar District has been damaged due to adverse seasonal conditions.

(b) No.

(c) Just like any other American Cotton, it is also susceptible to pests and diseases if proper plant protection measures are not taken.

(d) Cultivators who have applied fertilizers and taken plant protection measures have not suffered from growing Laxmi variety cotton crop.

(e) To evolve a variety it takes 10 to 15 years. Certain varieties have also been evolved and they are undergoing Tests before general release which are superior to Laxmi Cotton in variety.

(f) Research work is in progress. The releasing of a New variety after Testing in the District Trials and conducting Mill Tests are under observation.

Irrigation wells in Tumkur District.

*Q.—629. Sri N. HUTCHAMASTI GOWDA (Chandrashekarapura).—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of irrigation wells sanctioned in Tumkur District during the last 3 years (Talukwar figures may be furnished);

(b) out of them, the number of wells in respect of which works have not been started (Taluk-wise information may be given);

(c) out of them, the number of wells in respect of which works have been progessed to a little extent (taluk-wise information be given);

(d) out of the wells not taken up so far, the number of wells in respect of which Second instalment amount and Third instalment amount has been given (taluk-wise information may be given);

(e) whether they have taken steps to collect the amount in respect of well works that have not been taken up (Taluk-wise information may be furnished) ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) to (e) *Vide* Statement Appended.